

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 3, 2006, indicated that the status of claim 24 is unclear. Due to a clerical error, claim 24 was canceled in the listing of claims but changes were inadvertently not made to the "Remarks" section in the Amendment dated January 20, 2006. Applicant clarifies that claim 24 is to be canceled and all remarks regarding the patentability of claim 24 should be ignored by the Examiner. In addition, Applicant notes that claims 8, 27, 30, 33, and 36 were also previously canceled. Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to ignore any remarks related to the patentability of these claims.

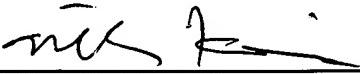
Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Amendment is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and Applicant awaits an action on the merits.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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